

NONREIMBURSABLE SPACE ACT AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN  
THE NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION  
LYNDON B. JOHNSON SPACE CENTER  
AND HOUSTON EXPONENTIAL  
FOR COOPERATIVE COMMUNITY OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

ARTICLE 1. AUTHORITY AND PARTIES

In accordance with the National Aeronautics and Space Act (51 U.S.C. § 20113), this Agreement is entered into by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration Lyndon B. Johnson Space Center, located at 2101 NASA Parkway, Houston, Texas 77058 (hereinafter referred to as "NASA", "NASA JSC", or "JSC") and TECHNOLOGY AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP CENTER OF HOUSTON, INC. DBA Houston Exponential, incorporated under Texas law as a 501(c)(3), located at 410 Pierce, Houston, TX 77002 (hereinafter referred to as "Partner" or "HX"). NASA and Partner may be individually referred to as a "Party" and collectively referred to as the "Parties."

ARTICLE 2. PURPOSE

NASA JSC and Houston Exponential (HX) have a common interest in developing and supporting an innovation "ecosystem" or community in the Houston region, in order to:

1. find opportunities for partnering with industries,
2. encourage the development of technologies needed for future NASA missions,
3. build a skilled local workforce,
4. increase public awareness of NASA goals and missions, and
5. support the growth of the commercial industry in space.

This desire is consistent with NASA's goals and mission and with HX's charter to provide leadership in the Houston area in order to stimulate development and support for a self-sustaining and growing innovation ecosystem. This activity will further NASA's statutory mission of disseminating information about its activities to the widest possible audience, encouraging the commercialization of space, and developing technology to meet mission requirements. This activity will benefit HX by providing support and subject matter expertise.

In order to accomplish the stated purpose of this agreement, JSC representatives will work with various HX boards, committees, initiatives and teams. This agreement will complement NASA's strategic goals by helping to strengthen the collaborative process with HX. Specifically, the strategic goals that will be helped include Strategic Goal 1.2, Understand Responses of Physical

and Biological Systems to Spaceflight, Strategic Goal 2.2, Conduct Human Exploration in Deep Space, Including to the Surface of the Moon, Strategic Goal 3.1, Develop and Transfer Revolutionary Technologies to Enable Exploration Capabilities for NASA and the Nation, and Strategic Goal 4.1, Engage in Partnership Strategies. NASA will benefit from the partnerships and insights gathered from industry subject matter experts and from the development of a local innovation and startup community. HX will benefit by exposure to NASA technologies and processes and JSC's strategic direction and to the variety of unique capabilities JSC has that could be of benefit to HX member companies.

### ARTICLE 3. RESPONSIBILITIES

NASA will use reasonable efforts to:

1. Provide NASA JSC representatives to work with HX boards, committees, events, activities, initiatives and teams.
2. Provide access to publicly available NASA JSC data reflecting the strategic direction of NASA and NASA JSC.
3. Have the NASA JSC representatives participate as appropriate in meetings and other activities focused on strategies and initiatives to grow the innovation community in Houston or to support NASA's goals and objectives. In addition, NASA JSC will provide insight into the NASA JSC capabilities and facilities that would be available for collaboration with other industries in Houston.
4. Facilitate a dialogue across industry, academia, local government and economic development community to explore potential strategies, initiatives and incentives to grow the Houston innovation ecosystem.
5. Have the NASA JSC representatives identify potential partners in the growing national and international commercial space industry that can support the agency's goals, including by participating as appropriate in meetings and other activities focused on strategies and initiatives to grow the commercial aerospace industry in Houston or to support NASA's goals and objectives.
6. Have the NASA representatives identify new opportunities to connect with innovative companies that could contribute solutions to the technology challenges for human space exploration, including by participating as appropriate on HX boards, committees, events, activities, and teams, and by serving as a source of information as appropriate to HX staff on matters related to innovation and emerging technologies, and by providing introductions for new business development prospects to regional stakeholders with an interest in aerospace, innovation, and emerging technologies. In addition, NASA JSC will provide insight into the NASA JSC capabilities and facilities that would be available for collaboration with other industries in Houston.

7. Identify opportunities to share with the HX community the economic development successes accomplished by NASA through its collaborative development with other industries.
8. Collaborate with HX outreach and messaging efforts by providing background info on NASA JSC's and NASA's major programs and initiatives.
9. Facilitate requests from HX for appropriate usage of the NASA Insignia and Program Identifiers to the authorized NASA official(s), as detailed in Article 11, Use of NASA Name and NASA Emblems.
10. Review for approval publicly released materials and data that includes mention or representation of NASA in advance, as detailed in Articles 9, 11, and 12.
11. Coordinate, participate, and collaborate with HX on activities and events that strengthen the Houston innovation ecosystem and support NASA's goals and objectives.

HX will use reasonable efforts to:

1. Provide the NASA JSC representatives with appropriate information, access and guidance related to advancing the JSC/HX collaboration.
2. Meet regularly with the NASA JSC representatives to discuss progress and insights.
3. Identify and facilitate discussions between NASA, consortiums, industry, academia and leaders at the city, local, state, regional levels to explore potential strategies, initiatives and incentives to attract and grow the innovation community in Houston.
4. Share with HX members the technology development and innovation successes accomplished by NASA through its collaborative development with industries. Additionally, HX will connect any industry partner currently in Houston or targeted for Houston in the future that would benefit from a collaborative technology development with NASA.
5. Submit requests for usage and approval of the NASA Insignia and Program Identifiers before use as detailed in Article 11, Use of NASA Name and NASA Emblems.
6. Submit for review and approval all publicly released materials and data that includes mention or representation of NASA in advance, as detailed in Articles 9, 11, and 12.

#### ARTICLE 4. SCHEDULE AND MILESTONES

The planned major milestones for the activities defined in the "Responsibilities" Article are as follows:

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| 1. NASA and HX will participate in Consortium Quarterly meetings, together with other appropriate organizations, to review major activities, share information, and develop strategies for future work.   | Quarterly  |
| 2. NASA will provide a package of background materials and talking points about NASA and its missions, that can be used by HX during major events and afterwards  | Ongoing as appropriate                           |
| 3. NASA will identify NASA participants and speakers for relevant HX boards, committees and teams.  | Ongoing  |
| 4. NASA will work with HX on a plan for common messaging and inclusion of NASA messages in HX products, as appropriate.   | Ongoing  |
| 5. NASA and HX will identify ways existing employers and new industry prospects would benefit by partnerships with JSC, helping to retain and grow jobs in Houston while meeting JSC needs.   | Ongoing  |
| 6. NASA will provide insight into NASA technologies and capabilities that would benefit industries and companies considering expanding or relocating to the Houston region.   | Ongoing as specific projects and proposals arise |
| 7. NASA and HX will present at the various HX councils and committees, trade missions, business development missions, and site consultant visits around aerospace, manufacturing and life sciences innovation technology, that are related to NASA's contribution to the region or at opportunities to collaborate with NASA for the benefit of the Houston region. | Ongoing  |
| 8. HX will share best practices with the JSC community on lessons learned from business and the startup community as relates to JSC innovation activities, ISS commercialization, etc. Involve HX in opportunities for education and sharing as appropriate.  | Ongoing  |
| 9. NASA will arrange for tours of JSC for HX staff and members as requested and as resources are available to increase awareness and promote a better understanding of NASA capabilities and activities by HX staff.  | Annually in November                             |

#### ARTICLE 5. FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS

There will be no transfer of funds between the Parties under this Agreement and each Party will

fund its own participation. All activities under or pursuant to this Agreement are subject to the availability of funds, and no provision of this Agreement shall be interpreted to require obligation or payment of funds in violation of the Anti-Deficiency Act, (31 U.S.C. § 1341).

#### ARTICLE 6. PRIORITY OF USE

Any schedule or milestone in this Agreement is estimated based upon the Parties' current understanding of the projected availability of NASA goods, services, facilities, or equipment. In the event that NASA's projected availability changes, Partner shall be given reasonable notice of that change, so that the schedule and milestones may be adjusted accordingly. The Parties agree that NASA's use of the goods, services, facilities, or equipment shall have priority over the use planned in this Agreement. Should a conflict arise, NASA in its sole discretion shall determine whether to exercise that priority. Likewise, should a conflict arise as between two or more non-NASA Partners, NASA, in its sole discretion, shall determine the priority as between those Partners. This Agreement does not obligate NASA to seek alternative government property or services under the jurisdiction of NASA at other locations.

#### ARTICLE 7. NONEXCLUSIVITY

This Agreement is not exclusive; accordingly, NASA may enter into similar agreements for the same or similar purpose with other private or public entities.

#### ARTICLE 8. LIABILITY AND RISK OF LOSS

A. Each Party hereby waives any claim against the other Party, employees of the other Party, the other Party's Related Entities (including but not limited to HX directors, HX representatives and agents, contractors and subcontractors at any tier, grantees, investigators, customers, users, and their contractors or subcontractor at any tier), or employees of the other Party's Related Entities for any injury to, or death of, the waiving Party's employees or the employees of its Related Entities, or for damage to, or loss of, the waiving Party's property or the property of its Related Entities arising from or related to activities conducted under this Agreement, whether such injury, death, damage, or loss arises through negligence or otherwise, except in the case of willful misconduct.

B. Each Party further agrees to extend this cross-waiver to its Related Entities by requiring them, by contract or otherwise, to waive all claims against the other Party, Related Entities of the other Party (including but not limited to HX directors, HX representatives and agents, contractors and subcontractors at any tier, grantees, investigators, customers, users, and their contractors or subcontractor at any tier), and employees of the other Party or of its Related Entities for injury, death, damage, or loss arising from or related to activities conducted under

this Agreement. Additionally, each Party shall require that their Related Entities extend this cross-waiver to their Related Entities by requiring them, by contract or otherwise, to waive all claims against the other Party, Related Entities of the other Party, and employees of the other Party or of its Related Entities for injury, death, damage, or loss arising from or related to activities conducted under this Agreement.

## ARTICLE 9. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS - DATA RIGHTS

### A. General

1. "Related Entity" as used in this Data Rights Article means a contractor, subcontractor, grantee, HX member, HX Director of the Board, or other entity having a legal relationship with NASA or Partner that is assigned, tasked, or contracted to perform activities under this Agreement.
2. "Data" means recorded information, regardless of form, the media on which it is recorded, or the method of recording.
3. "Proprietary Data" means Data embodying trade secrets developed at private expense or commercial or financial information that is privileged or confidential, and that includes a restrictive notice, unless the Data is:
  - a. known or available from other sources without restriction;
  - b. known, possessed, or developed independently, and without reference to the Proprietary Data;
  - c. made available by the owners to others without restriction; or
  - d. required by law or court order to be disclosed.
4. Data exchanged under this Agreement is exchanged without restriction except as otherwise provided herein.
5. Notwithstanding any restrictions provided in this Article, the Parties are not restricted in the use, disclosure, or reproduction of Data provided under this Agreement that meets one of the exceptions in 3., above. If a Party believes that any exceptions apply, it shall notify the other Party before any unrestricted use, disclosure, or reproduction of the Data.
6. The Parties will not exchange preexisting Proprietary Data under this Agreement unless authorized herein or in writing by the owner.
7. If the Parties exchange Data having a notice that the Receiving Party deems is ambiguous or unauthorized, the Receiving Party shall tell the Providing Party. If the notice indicates a restriction, the Receiving Party shall protect the Data under this Article unless otherwise directed in writing by the Providing Party.
8. The Data rights herein apply to the employees and Related Entities of Partner. Partner shall ensure that its employees and Related Entity employees know about and are bound by the obligations under this Article.
9. Disclaimer of Liability: NASA is not restricted in, or liable for, the use, disclosure, or reproduction of Data without a restrictive notice or for Data Partner gives, or is required to give, the U.S. Government without restriction.



10. Partner may use the following or a similar restrictive notice:

**Proprietary Data Notice**

The data herein include Proprietary Data and are restricted under the Data Rights provisions of Space Act Agreement [provide applicable identifying information].

Partner should also mark each page containing Proprietary Data with the following or a similar legend: "Proprietary Data – Use And Disclose Only Under the Notice on the Title or Cover Page."

**B. Data First Produced by Partner Under this Agreement**

If Data first produced by Partner or its Related Entities under this Agreement is given to NASA, and the Data is Proprietary Data, and it includes a restrictive notice, NASA will use reasonable efforts to protect it. The Data will be disclosed and used (under suitable protective conditions) only for U.S. Government purposes.

**C. Data First Produced by NASA Under this Agreement**

If Partner requests that Data first produced by NASA under this Agreement be protected, and NASA determines it would be Proprietary Data if obtained from Partner, NASA will mark it with a restrictive notice and use reasonable efforts to protect it for a period of up to five years after its development, whereby the period of protection will be determined by the Technical Points of Contacts identified in Article 19 of this Agreement on a case-by-case basis and will be so noted on the restrictive notice. In the event the Parties fail to identify the period of protection on the restrictive notice, the period of protection will be one (1) year after its development. During this restricted period the Data may be disclosed and used (under suitable protective conditions) for U.S. Government purposes only, and thereafter for any purpose. Partner must not disclose the Data without NASA's written approval during the restricted period. The restrictions placed on NASA do not apply to Data disclosing a NASA owned invention for which patent protection is being considered.

**D. Publication of Results**

The National Aeronautics and Space Act (51 U.S.C. § 20112) requires NASA to provide for the widest practicable and appropriate dissemination of information concerning its activities and the results thereof. As such, NASA may publish unclassified and non-Proprietary Data resulting from work performed under this Agreement. The Parties will coordinate publication of results allowing a reasonable time to review and comment.

**E. Data Disclosing an Invention**

If the Parties exchange Data disclosing an invention for which patent protection is being

considered, and the furnishing Party identifies the Data as such when providing it to the Receiving Party, the Receiving Party shall withhold it from public disclosure for a reasonable time (one (1) year unless otherwise agreed or the Data is restricted for a longer period herein).

#### F. Copyright

Data exchanged with a copyright notice and with no restrictive notice is presumed to be published. The following royalty-free licenses apply.

1. If indicated on the Data that it was produced outside of this Agreement, it may be reproduced, distributed, and used to prepare derivative works only for carrying out the Receiving Party's responsibilities under this Agreement.
2. Data without the indication of 1. is presumed to be first produced under this Agreement. Except as otherwise provided in paragraph E. of this Article, and in the Invention and Patent Rights Article of this Agreement for protection of reported inventions, the Data may be reproduced, distributed, and used to prepare derivative works for any purpose.

#### G. Data Subject to Export Control

Whether or not marked, technical data subject to the export laws and regulations of the United States provided to Partner under this Agreement must not be given to foreign persons or transmitted outside the United States without proper U.S. Government authorization.

#### H. Handling of Background, Third Party Proprietary, and Controlled Government Data

1. NASA or Partner (as Disclosing Party) may provide the other Party or its Related Entities (as Receiving Party):
  - a. Proprietary Data developed at Disclosing Party's expense outside of this Agreement (referred to as Background Data);
  - b. Proprietary Data of third parties that Disclosing Party has agreed to protect or is required to protect under the Trade Secrets Act (18 U.S.C. § 1905) (referred to as Third Party Proprietary Data); and
  - c. U.S. Government Data, including software and related Data, Disclosing Party intends to control (referred to as Controlled Government Data).
2. All Background, Third Party Proprietary and Controlled Government Data provided by Disclosing Party to Receiving Party shall be marked by Disclosing Party with a restrictive notice and protected by Receiving Party in accordance with this Article. For avoidance of doubt, "provide", "provides", and "provided", when used in this Data Rights Article in conjunction with Data, means the physical or electronic transfer of possession of such Data from the Disclosing Party to the Receiving Party.
3. Disclosing Party provides the following Data to Receiving Party. The lists below may not be comprehensive, are subject to change, and do not supersede any restrictive notice on the Data.
  - a. Background Data:  
None



b. Third Party Proprietary Data:

Prospect and/or member-owned data provided to HX by third parties for purposes related to economic development. Such data may also include data provided by third parties in regard to the Innovation Round Table or its successor, to the Innovation Task Force or its successor, or to other forums in which NASA and HX may collaborate.

c. Controlled Government Data:

None

d. Notwithstanding H.4., NASA software and related Data will be provided to Partner under a separate Software Usage Agreement (SUA). Partner shall use and protect the related Data in accordance with this Article. Unless the SUA authorizes retention, or Partner enters into a license under 37 C.F.R. Part 404, the related Data shall be disposed of as NASA directs:

None

4. For such Data identified with a restrictive notice pursuant to H.2., Receiving Party shall:

- a. Use, disclose, or reproduce such Data only as necessary under this Agreement;
- b. Safeguard such Data from unauthorized use and disclosure;
- c. Allow access to such Data only to its employees and any Related Entity requiring access under this Agreement;
- d. Except as otherwise indicated in 4.c., preclude disclosure outside Receiving Party's organization;
- e. Notify its employees with access about their obligations under this Article and ensure their compliance, and notify any Related Entity with access about their obligations under this Article; and
- f. Dispose of such Data as Disclosing Party directs.

I. Oral and visual information

NASA Civil Servant employees are under a statutory duty of confidentiality pursuant to 18 U.S.C. 1905, which applies to visually transmitted trade secret information. If Partner discloses Proprietary Data visually, NASA will have no duty to restrict, or liability for disclosure or use, unless Partner informs NASA in writing before such initial disclosure that the Data is Proprietary Data.

If Partner discloses Proprietary Data orally, NASA will have no duty to restrict, or liability for disclosure or use, unless Partner:

1. Orally informs NASA before initial disclosure that the Data is Proprietary Data, and
2. Reduces the Data to tangible form with a restrictive notice and gives it to NASA within ten (10) calendar days after disclosure.

ARTICLE 10. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS - INVENTION AND PATENT RIGHTS

A. "Related Entity" as used in this Invention and Patent Rights Article means a contractor, subcontractor, grantee, HX directors, HX representatives and agents, or other entity having a legal relationship with NASA or Partner assigned, tasked, or contracted with to perform activities under this Agreement.

B. The invention and patent rights herein apply to employees and Related Entities of Partner. Partner shall ensure that its employees and Related Entity employees know about and are bound by the obligations under this Article.

C. NASA has determined that 51 U.S.C. § 20135(b) does not apply to this Agreement. Therefore, title to inventions made (conceived or first actually reduced to practice) under this Agreement remain with the respective inventing party(ies). No invention or patent rights are exchanged or granted under this Agreement. NASA and Partner will use reasonable efforts to report inventions made jointly by their employees (including employees of their Related Entities). The Parties will consult and agree on the responsibilities and actions to establish and maintain patent protection for joint invention, and on the terms and conditions of any license or other rights exchanged or granted between them.

#### ARTICLE 11. USE OF NASA NAME AND NASA EMBLEMS

##### A. NASA Name and Initials

Partner shall not use "National Aeronautics and Space Administration" or "NASA" in a way that creates the impression that a product or service has the authorization, support, sponsorship, or endorsement of NASA, which does not, in fact, exist. Except for releases under the "Release of General Information to the Public and Media" Article, Partner must submit any proposed public use of the NASA name or initials (including press releases and all promotional and advertising use) to the NASA Associate Administrator for the Office of Communications or designee ("NASA Communications") for review and approval. Approval by NASA Office of Communications shall be based on applicable law and policy governing the use of the NASA name and initials.

##### B. NASA Emblems

Use of NASA emblems (i.e., NASA Seal, NASA Insignia, NASA logotype, NASA Program Identifiers, and the NASA Flag) is governed by 14 C.F.R. Part 1221. Partner must submit any proposed use of the emblems to NASA Communications for review and approval.

#### ARTICLE 12. RELEASE OF GENERAL INFORMATION TO THE PUBLIC AND MEDIA

NASA or Partner may, consistent with Federal law and this Agreement, release general information regarding its own participation in this Agreement as desired.

Pursuant to Section 841(d) of the NASA Transition Authorization Act of 2017, Public Law 115-10 (the "NTAA"), NASA is obligated to publicly disclose copies of all agreements conducted pursuant to NASA's 51 U.S.C. §20113(e) authority in a searchable format on the NASA website within 60 days after the agreement is signed by the Parties. The Parties acknowledge that a copy of this Agreement will be disclosed, without redactions, in accordance with the NTAA.

#### ARTICLE 13. DISCLAIMER OF WARRANTY

Goods, services, facilities, or equipment provided by NASA under this Agreement are provided "as is." NASA makes no express or implied warranty as to the condition of any such goods, services, facilities, or equipment, or as to the condition of any research or information generated under this Agreement, or as to any products made or developed under or as a result of this Agreement including as a result of the use of information generated hereunder, or as to the merchantability or fitness for a particular purpose of such research, information, or resulting product, or that the goods, services, facilities or equipment provided will accomplish the intended results or are safe for any purpose including the intended purpose, or that any of the above will not interfere with privately-owned rights of others. Neither the government nor its contractors shall be liable for special, consequential or incidental damages attributed to such equipment, facilities, technical information, or services provided under this Agreement or such research, information, or resulting products made or developed under or as a result of this Agreement.

#### ARTICLE 14. DISCLAIMER OF ENDORSEMENT

Neither HX nor NASA endorses or sponsors any commercial product, service, or activity. The Parties' participation in this Agreement or provision of goods, services, facilities or equipment under this Agreement does not constitute endorsement by such Party. Partner agrees that nothing in this Agreement will be construed to imply that NASA authorizes, supports, endorses, or sponsors any product or service of Partner resulting from activities conducted under this Agreement, regardless of the fact that such product or service may employ NASA-developed technology.

#### ARTICLE 15. COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS AND REGULATIONS

A. The Parties shall comply with all applicable laws and regulations including, but not limited to, safety; security; export control; environmental; and suspension and debarment laws and regulations. Access by a Partner to NASA facilities or property, or to a NASA Information Technology (IT) system or application, is contingent upon compliance with NASA security and safety policies and guidelines including, but not limited to, standards on badging, credentials, and facility and IT system/application access.

B. With respect to any export control requirements:

1. The Parties will comply with all U.S. export control laws and regulations, including the International Traffic in Arms Regulations (ITAR), 22 C.F.R. Parts 120 through 130, and the Export Administration Regulations (EAR), 15 C.F.R. Parts 730 through 799, in performing work under this Agreement or any Annex to this Agreement. In the absence of available license exemptions or exceptions, the Partner shall be responsible for obtaining the appropriate licenses or other approvals, if required, for exports of hardware, technical data and software, or for the provision of technical assistance.

2. The Partner shall be responsible for obtaining export licenses, if required, before utilizing foreign persons in the performance of work under this Agreement or any Annex under this Agreement, including instances where the work is to be performed on-site at NASA and where the foreign person will have access to export-controlled technical data or software.

3. The Partner will be responsible for all regulatory record-keeping requirements associated with the use of licenses and license exemptions or exceptions.

4. The Partner will be responsible for ensuring that the provisions of this Article apply to its Related Entities.

C. With respect to suspension and debarment requirements:

1. The Partner hereby certifies, to the best of its knowledge and belief, that it has complied, and shall comply, with 2 C.F.R. Part 180, Subpart C, as supplemented by 2 C.F.R. Part 1880, Subpart C.

2. The Partner shall include language and requirements equivalent to those set forth in subparagraph C.1., above, in any lower-tier covered transaction entered into under this Agreement.

#### ARTICLE 16. TERM OF AGREEMENT

This Agreement becomes effective upon the date of the last signature below ("Effective Date")

and shall remain in effect until the completion of all obligations of both Parties hereto, or five years from the Effective Date, whichever comes first.

#### ARTICLE 17. RIGHT TO TERMINATE

Either Party may unilaterally terminate this Agreement by providing thirty (30) calendar days written notice to the other Party.

#### ARTICLE 18. CONTINUING OBLIGATIONS

The rights and obligations of the Parties that, by their nature, would continue beyond the expiration or termination of this Agreement, e.g., "Liability and Risk of Loss" and "Intellectual Property Rights"-related clauses, shall survive such expiration or termination of this Agreement.

#### ARTICLE 19. POINTS OF CONTACT

The following personnel are designated as the Points of Contact between the Parties in the performance of this Agreement.

##### Management Points of Contact

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#### ARTICLE 20. DISPUTE RESOLUTION

Except as otherwise provided in the Article entitled "Priority of Use," the Article entitled "Intellectual Property Rights – Invention and Patent Rights" (for those activities governed by 37 C.F.R. Part 404), and those situations where a pre-existing statutory or regulatory system exists (e.g., under the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552), all disputes concerning questions of fact or law arising under this Agreement shall be referred by the claimant in writing to the appropriate person identified in this Agreement as the "Points of Contact." The persons identified as the "Points of Contact" for NASA and the Partner will consult and attempt to resolve all issues arising from the implementation of this Agreement. If they are unable to come to agreement on any issue, the dispute will be referred to the signatories to this Agreement, or their designees, for joint resolution. If the Parties remain unable to resolve the dispute, then the NASA signatory or that person's designee, as applicable, will issue a written decision that will be the final agency decision for the purpose of judicial review. Nothing in this Article limits or prevents either Party from pursuing any other right or remedy available by law upon the issuance of the final agency decision.

#### ARTICLE 21. MODIFICATIONS

Any modification to this Agreement shall be executed, in writing, and signed by an authorized representative of NASA and the Partner.

#### ARTICLE 22. ASSIGNMENT

Neither this Agreement nor any interest arising under it will be assigned by the Partner or NASA without the express written consent of the officials executing, or successors, or officials possessing original or delegated authority to execute this Agreement.

#### ARTICLE 23. APPLICABLE LAW

U.S. Federal law governs this Agreement for all purposes, including, but not limited to, determining the validity of the Agreement, the meaning of its provisions, and the rights,



obligations and remedies of the Parties.

ARTICLE 24. INDEPENDENT RELATIONSHIP

This Agreement is not intended to constitute, create, give effect to or otherwise recognize a joint venture, partnership, or formal business organization, or agency agreement of any kind, and the rights and obligations of the Parties shall be only those expressly set forth herein.

ARTICLE 25. LOAN OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY

The parties shall enter into a NASA Form 893, Loan of NASA Equipment, for NASA equipment loaned to Partner.

ARTICLE 26. SIGNATORY AUTHORITY

The signatories to this Agreement covenant and warrant that they have authority to execute this Agreement. By signing below, the undersigned agrees to the above terms and conditions.

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE  
ADMINISTRATION  
LYNDON B. JOHNSON SPACE CENTER

TECHNOLOGY AND  
ENTREPRENEURSHIP CENTER OF  
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EXPONENTIAL

BY: 

Mark S. Geyer  
Director, Johnson Space Center

BY: 

Russ Capper  
Executive Director, Houston Exponential

DATE: 6/6/19

DATE: 05/24/19